

No 55

Claim No 55.

Under Article 11. Treaty of 11th June, 1866,
with Creek Indians.

The undersigned, Joseph Cooney, a
Free man, of color, Citizen of the Creek Nation, and
a loyal Refugee, aged about 65 years, being duly
examined and sworn, (He understanding and con-
versing in the English language:) deposes and says:
Whilst he was living on his place on Elk Creek, about
twenty miles from the Creek Agency, and sometime in the
month of April 1862, he was driven therefrom, in the night
time, by the Rebels under command of Col. D. W. McIntosh,
Rebel Army, and compelled to abandon his home and property.
That, at the time of his flight, he owned and possessed, and
did necessarily abandon and lose, all the property hereinafter
enumerated, and that he has never, since, recovered the said
property, or any part thereof: to say:

670.	Six hundred & Seventy head of Stock Cattle @ \$12 ⁰⁰	\$ 8,040.00
35.	Thirty five head of Horses, average value @ \$40.	1,400.00
12.	Twelve head of Mules (young) " " @ \$30.	360.00
8.	Eight Colts (yearlings) " " @ \$15.	120.00
1.	One Stallion (a Fine Horse) valued at,	500.00
1.	One Sack " "	300.00
360.	Three hundred & Sixty Stock Hogs. @ \$3.	1,080.00
40.	Forty head of Sheep @ \$2.	80.00
12.	Twelve Plows, average value @ \$8.	96.00
10.	Ten set of Harness " " @ \$5.	50.00
	Amount carried forward " \$	12,026.00

Account Brought forward \$ 12,026.00.

1. One Wagon and Harness.	valued at	150.00.
3 Three Rifles and Guns	" "	50.00
4 Four Log Chains \$10. one Cross cut Saw \$5.		15.00
Lot	House furniture, Bedsteads, Beds, Bedding, &c	195.00
making a total value of		\$ 12,436.00.

twelve thousand, four hundred and thirty six dollars.
Further this deponent saith not.

Joseph Cooney. his
X
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me, at the Creek
Agency. On this 8th day of November, A.D., 1869.

J. P. O'Connell
Attest. Attest. Asst. Supt. Ind. Office.
South. Supten.

The undersigned, George D. Reno, a half
Creek Indian, and Sugar Teeth George, a Freedman
of the Creek Nation, both loyal Refugees, being, jointly,
duly examined and sworn, (they understanding, and
conversing in the English language,) do depose and say:
they are not interested in the claim of Joseph Cooney, in
any pecuniary manner, whatever: That they have heard
the foregoing Affidavit read to them, and know its content,
and that the same is correct to the best of their knowledge,
information and belief: And, these deponents, being
further examined, say, that they do not, of their own
knowledge, know of the actual number of Stock cattle
horses, hogs or other property lost by the said Claimant

but believe the same to be very large, as it was generally well known that he owned a large number of cattle, variously estimated from seven hundred and fifty to one thousand head, and a great many hogs and about fifty horses, and a good deal of other property: that he was considered as quite wealthy: all of which property he did actually abandon and lose (the rebels believed to have captured the whole of it) upon his flight from home. And further these Depments do not say.

George D. Beun.

Sugar Teeth George,

his
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Subscribed and Sworn to before me, at the Creek
Agency on this 8th day of November, A.D. 1869.

J. P. O'Connell
Rt. V. of Inf. Asst. Supt. Ind. Affrs.
South. & Supten.

Award,

The loss of property specified above is deemed established by the foregoing testimony. Also, the status of claimant. The amount claimed, however, is, in some instances, considered excessive. Upon inquiry, it is found, the values of the different kinds of property, at the time the loss occurred, ruled as follows.

Cattle, Stock.

\$5.00 Each.

Horses,	\$10.00 Each.
Mules & Young,	25.00 ..
Colts & Yearlings,	10.00 ..
Stallions,	250.00 ..
Jacks,	150.00 ..
Hogs,	2.00 ..
Sheep,	2.00 ..
Plows,	<div> <div>One-half the</div> <div>Claimed Value</div> </div>
Harness,	
Chains Log,	
Saws Cross Cut,	
	\$80.50 ..

and for the following, one-half the claimed value: -

House furniture, beds, bedsteads,

bedding &c \$97.50

(Three) Rifles & Guns - no award -

Wagon and Harness, - \$75.00

In consideration of these, and all other facts attainable, bearing upon the case, we believe it just and equitable to award this claimant Joseph Cooney Five thousand seven hundred and eight dollars. -

\$5708 ⁰⁰/₁₀₀

W. B. May

Brevet Major General U. S. Army.
Supt. Indian Affairs. Southern Superintendency

G. A. Field

Captain U. S. Army.
Creek Agent.